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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 24, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this document.